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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INCLUDING REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INDICATED IN AN ISSUED PATENT (37 CFR §1.705(d))

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SIR:

1. This is a request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment of 71 days indicated in the Issue Notification for the above-identified issued patent. It is respectfully requested that applicants be afforded a patent term adjustment of 190 days.

- 2. This application for patent term adjustment is being filed within two months of the issue date (37 CFR §1.705(d)).
- 3. Applicants submit herewith a "Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment: Basis Under 37 CFR §1.702 For the Adjustment (37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(i) and (ii))."
- 4. The above-identified patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer (37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(iii)).
- 5. As to any circumstances during the prosecution of this patent constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the above-identified patent as set forth in §1.704 (37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(iv)): there was none (37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(iv)(B)).
- 6. The fee set forth in §1.18(e) (\$200), required by 37 CFR §1.705(b)(1), is paid as follows:

 Attached is a Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$200.

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It is respectfully requested that this application for patent term adjustment be granted and that a Certificate of Correction be issued to indicate a patent term adjustment of 190 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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(2) Form PTO-2038



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STATEMENT OF THE CORRECT PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT: BASIS UNDER 37 CFR §1.702 FOR THE ADJUSTMENT (37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(i) AND (ii))

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SIR:

1. This statement is being submitted in support of the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INCLUDING REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INDICATED IN AN ISSUED PATENT (37 CFR §1.705(d))" to which this statement is attached.

37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(i)

2. The patent term adjustment indicated in the Issue Notification for the above-identified patent is 71 days. It is respectfully submitted that such indication of patent term adjustment is in error, due to the improper inclusion of a 119 day applicant delay with respect to the filing of a paper entitled COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE filed February 13, 2008.

It is respectfully submitted that the correct patent term adjustment under 37 CFR §1.702 is 190 days.

37 CFR §1.705(b)(2)(ii)

- 3. The basis on which applicants seek adjustment are as follows.
- a. The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) that was attached to the February 7, 2008 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due indicated a patent term adjustment of 190 days.
- b. A paper entitled COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE was filed on February 13, 2008, wherein the following was stated:

"The Notice of Allowability attached to the February 7, 2008 Notice of Allowance indicated that claims 1 to 4 were allowed. However, the AMENDMENT

UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 filed October 17, 2007 included claims 1 to 9. Thus, the Notice of Allowability neglected to include claims 5 to 9 as allowed claims.

It is therefore respectfully requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued to indicate that claims 1 to 9 were allowed."

The purpose of applicants' COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE was to correct a USPTO error.

- c. In reply to applicants' COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, the USPTO issued a paper entitled "Supplemental to Notice of Allowability" that was attached to a USPTO Communication mailed February 25, 2008. The Supplemental to Notice of Allowability indicated that the allowed claims wee 1 to 9. This confirms that applicants were justified in requesting a correction to the listing of pending claims in the Notice of Allowability.
- d. The Issue Notification indicated a patent term adjustment of 71 days. This represents a deduction of 119 days of patent term adjustment from the 190 days of patent term adjustment indicated in the aforesaid Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b).

- e. It is respectfully submitted that the aforesaid deduction of 119 days of patent term adjustment was a USPTO error. The filing of the aforesaid COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should not have resulted in any loss of patent term adjustment.
- f. Attached is a copy of the Patent Term Adjustment History from the USPTO website. The Patent Term Adjustment History shows a 119 applicants' delay beginning on October 4, 2007 for the entry "Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU" and ending on February 13, 2008 for the entry "Amendment after Notice of Allowance (Rule 312). This is clearly an error, since an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 was not filed. Furthermore, the October 4, 2007 date does not correspond to any paper in the file history.

The Patent Term Adjustment History indicates an entry for February 25, 2008 for a "Response to Amendment under Rule 312." However, the USPTO Communication mailed on February 25, 2008 was said "Supplemental to Notice of Allowability."

The Patent Term Adjustment History indicates an entry of February 13, 2008 entitled "Response to Reasons for Allowance."

However, the USPTO did not issue any paper on February 13, 2008, and applicants did not file any paper entitled "Response to Reasons for Allowance."

It is thus respectfully submitted that the 119 day applicant delay indicated in the Patent Term Adjustment History is clearly erroneous. It is therefore respectfully requested that the 190 days of patent term adjustment indicated in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be restored.

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Pre-Issue Petitions (days):		+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	119
Post-Issue Petitions (days):		+0	Total PTA (days):	71
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06-10-2008	Patent Issue Da	te Used in PTA Cald	culation	
05-15-2008	Dispatch to FDC JUN 3 0 2008			
02-13-2008	Response to Reasons for Allowance			
05-06-2008	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue			
02-25-2008	Response to Am	endment under Ru	le 312	
04-29-2008	Issue Fee Payment Verified			
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04-26-2007	PG-Pub Issue N	PG-Pub Issue Notification		
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12-08-2005	Preliminary Amendment	♦
12-08-2005	371 Completion Date	⋄
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01-04-2006	Cleared by OIPE CSR	⋄
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